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### **MINUTES CITY OF COVINGTON ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, August 11, 2011**

**Covington Aquatic Center  
18230 SE 240<sup>th</sup> St., Covington**

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Sandy Bisordi, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sandy Bisordi, Katrina Alegado, Gini Cook, Ed White, Rudi Sullivan, Brieanne Berg, Jonathan Combs.

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

#### **CITY STAFF PRESENT**

Pat Patterson

#### **INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT**

For our “inspirational thought”, Brieanne read the Lion’s Club pledge:

*I pledge of my hands  
Extended and open,  
To help those in need.  
I pledge of my heart  
Reach for it and it will be touched.  
I pledge of my ears  
To hear other's outcry;  
My eyes to see  
The plight of others,  
My knowledge to bring a man  
Closer to his dreams.  
I pledge of myself  
For the betterment  
Of my community, my state and my country.*

#### **CITIZEN/STAFF COMMENTS**

None

## **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MEETING MINUTES**

Sandy stated that we need to add the topic of rotating artists to the agenda. Ed White moved to approve the agenda with that change; Rudi seconded the motion. All in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes of the 7/7 meeting was made by Rudi Sullivan; seconded by Jonathan Combs; approved by all.

## **CONTINUED BUSINESS**

### **1. Recap of Covington Days Art Show.**

- Pat is going to pursue exempting the city from having to pay permits for banners so we can have better signage in the future.
- Commissioners threw out ideas for improving the show from their own observations and comments made by those attending. Ed is going to prepare a written recap that will include these suggestions.
- Handed out summary of survey results that Gini completed.
- Need to consider ordering additional display boards, possibly with a horizontal orientation that would bring more art up to eye level. Pat will send Ed the name of the current supplier; Ed and Pat will meet at the storage unit to review the existing boards for a possible retrofit that would make them horizontal.
- Ed wrote and circulated thank you notes for the judges thanking them for their participation.
- Discussed dearth of sales at show (besides the city-purchased piece, only one other piece was sold). Consensus was that we need to pursue patrons in addition to artists. Perhaps advertise the show as a “show and sale”.
- Discussed giving monetary awards again in addition to the City purchase award.
- Pat to send Gini the information the artist provided so she can write up section for the catalog.
- Ed to either take picture of the piece, or determine if the picture he took at the show is suitable for the catalog.
- Scott wants a permanent generic sign that will hang under the latest City-purchased art.

### **2. Walk and Roll**

- Rudi will help with this event on 8/13 from 10 am to 1 pm, handing out chalk and overseeing the chalk painting venue.
- Pat to provide a chair for Rudi.

### **3. Covington Art Project**

- Discussed pool building and possible locations for mural or other art.
- Pat shared that Maple Valley Allied Arts was having a meeting on 9/13 and invited us to attend. Tina Hoggatt from 4Culture will be speaking and she also will be attending our 10/13 meeting. Sandy is going to attend the meeting, which is at noon on the 13th, and possibly one or two additional commission members.
- Decided to form a subcommittee to work on moving the public art project along: The committee will consist of Ed, Jonathan and Brienne.

### **4. Work Plan Update**

- Commissioners briefly reviewed current work plan, discussing whether timeline for upcoming events was adequate.
- Gini suggested adding a notation for the photographing of new city-purchased art for catalog to the timeline for next year.

- No other work plan adjustments made at this time.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Rotating Art
  - Call for artists will go out via e-mail.
  - Commissioners reviewed a copy of the application and finalized changes which consisted of changing the dates for 2012 and adding a spot to ascertain the readiness of an artist to show their work in January with the short notice given.
  - Joint Council/Commission meeting on September 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This is a dinner meeting and we are invited to attend. Commissioners decided that this meeting would be in place of their previously scheduled 9/8 meeting.
  - Student Art Show
  - Rudi will e-mail to Commissioners her past announcement regarding this show which goes to area teachers.
  - Katrina volunteered to be involved; Ed will send the teacher contact list he acquired while working on the art show to Rudi.
2. Public Art Policy/City owned Art Loan Program
  - This will be revisited at a future date.
3. Budgets for Events
  - Commissioners briefly discussed whether we should push for a specific budget for future events aside from the city's general budget. No consensus was reached.

## **CITIZEN/COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS**

1. No members of the public were in attendance.
2. Members are reminded to log their volunteer hours.

## **FUTURE AGENDA TOPICS**

- City-owned Art Loan Program
- Report on meeting with Maple Valley Allied Arts
- Ed's recap of the Art Show
- Report from the Public Art Subcommittee

## **GROUP MEMORY**

Since there was no easel available at the meeting to post minutes for review as the meeting progressed, Gini will e-mail a draft of the minutes to Commissioners for their review before submitting to Pat. Additions/corrections were made by Brienne and Rudi; approvals were sent by Ed, Katrina and Sandy. No comments from Jonathan. Minutes were amended and sent to Pat on 8/27/11.

Just before adjourning the meeting, the group presented Pat with a photo surrounded by a signed mat, thanking him for his support and service on behalf of the Art Commissioners.

## **ADJOURN**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 by Sandy Bisordi.